

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. EPB-2014-0156
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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY
FILED APRIL 1, 2014**

(Issued April 4, 2014)

On April 1, 2014, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for confidentiality of certain portions of its proposed 2014-2023 multi-year emissions plan and budget for its coal-fired generating units, identified as Docket No. EPB-2014-0156. The information for which confidentiality is sought includes, among other things, MidAmerican's projected capital expenditures and plans for construction on MidAmerican's coal-fired generating units. MidAmerican supported the request for confidentiality with an affidavit by a corporate officer. The material for which confidentiality was requested was filed separately and marked confidential. MidAmerican cited Iowa Code §§ 22.7(3) and 22.7(6) (2013) as authority for confidential treatment of the data.

MidAmerican claims the information is a report to a governmental agency which, if released, would give advantage to competitors and serve no public purpose and, therefore, should be held confidential pursuant to § 22.7(6). MidAmerican argues that release of the financial information could impact MidAmerican's ability to

operate safely and at the lowest possible cost and that MidAmerican, as a matter of practice, does not issue public releases of such financial information.

The information in question qualifies as a report to a government agency. Based on the affidavit supplied by MidAmerican, release of such information would serve no public purpose. Therefore, the Board will hold the information confidential pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(6).

The Board notes the filed information may also be confidential as a trade secret pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(3). However, because the Board finds the information should be held confidential under § 22.7(6), the Board does not reach the question of whether the information is a trade secret.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request for confidentiality filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on April 1, 2014, is granted.
2. The filed information shall be held confidential by the Board subject to the provisions of 199 IAC 1.9(8)"b"(3).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

/s/ Nick Wagner

ATTEST:

/s/ Joan Conrad
Executive Secretary

/s/ Sheila K. Tipton

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 4th day of April 2014.